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REMARKS

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The subject matter of the rejected claims is accordingly revised and the amended claim 18 is now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejections and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 18 - 34 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in the present office action.

The manner in which the pressure in the first working space is maintained is described in the originally filed specification at least in paragraphs 35 - 39. To further clarify the issue, the Applicant has amended the language of claim 18 to read “. . .the pressure of first working space (7) is maintained during the transition. . .”.

In regards to the last two lines of claim 18, at least in paragraph 018 of the originally filed specification, it is explained that

[t]he device, according to the invention, has the advantage that the second piston associated with the emergency operating device, which is in communication via a second working space with the clutch space of the clutch *or that of a clutch connected in parallel therewith*, forms a kind of damper when the actuator is switched off. . .

To clarify this aspect of the present invention claim 18 has also been amended to recite the feature of, “. . .a second piston (16, 17) which communicates via a second working space (18, 19) with the clutch space (2) of one of the clutch (1) and a second clutch connected in parallel therewith”.

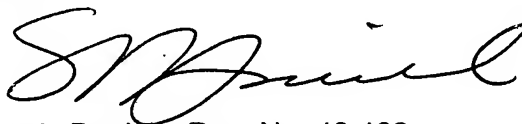
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The drawings are amended, per the attached Submission, to overcome a few noted informalities contained therein. New Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, accompany this Submission, incorporate all of the requested drawing amendment(s). If any further amendment to the drawings is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant now believes that claim 18 should be allowable. If any further amendment is believed necessary to place this case in condition for allowance the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the same. Whereas claims 19-34 are dependent, either directly or indirectly, on claim 18, the Applicant believes that claims 19-34 are now also allowable as well. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the raised §112, second paragraph, rejections should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

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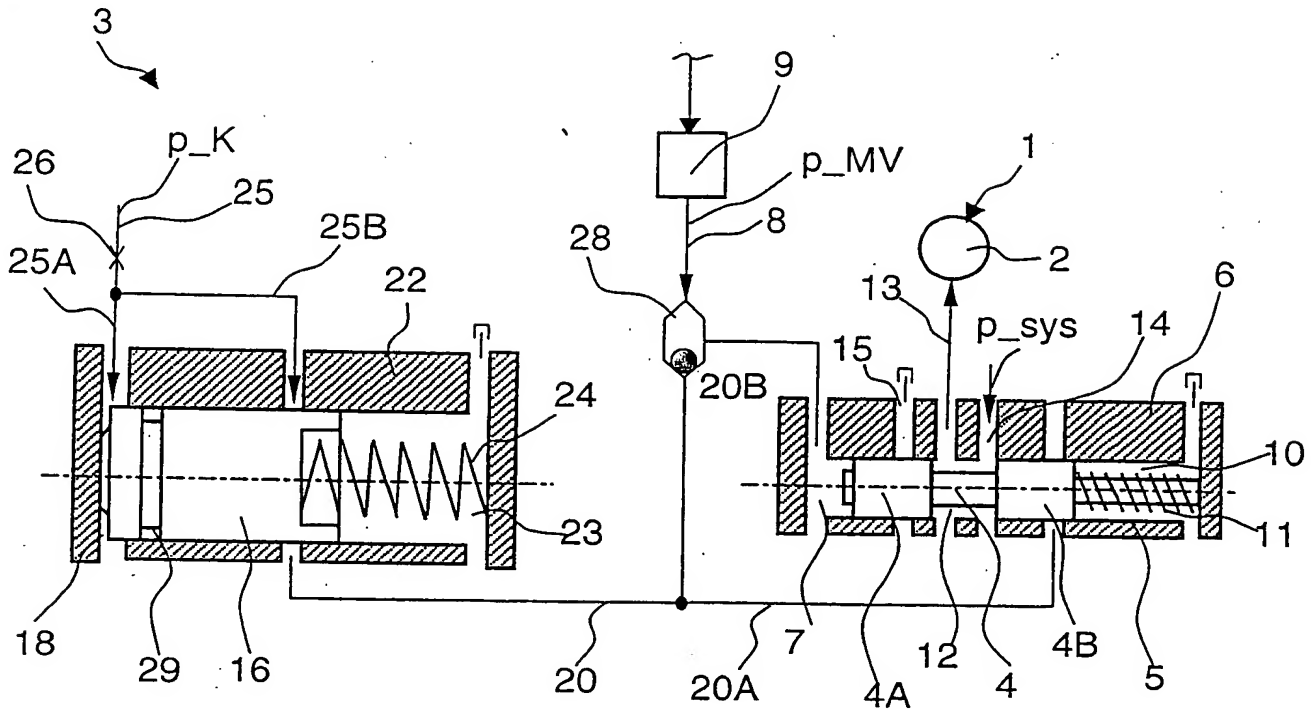


Fig. 1

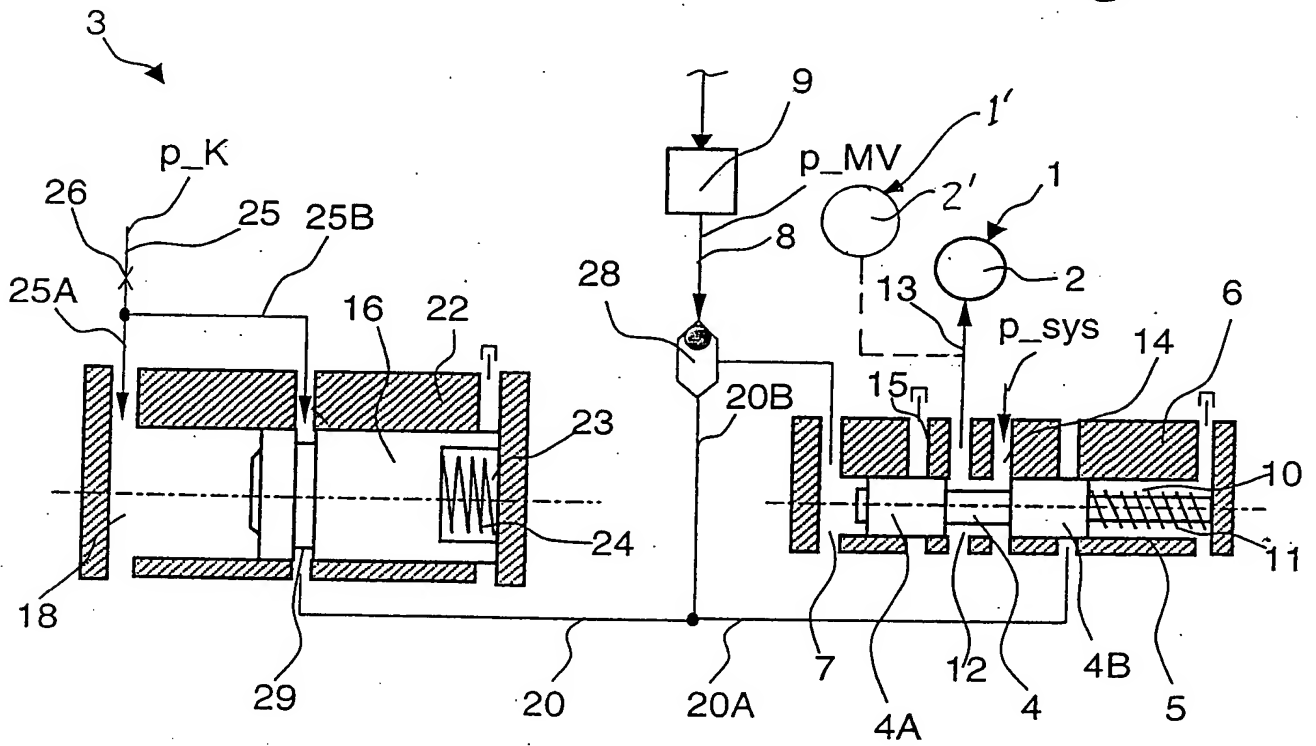


Fig. 2